

# Ocotillo

## Weekly Update

A newsletter for the residents of Glendale's Ocotillo District



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### Council Takes Action on Arena Management Agreement and Reservation Land

On Tuesday, the Glendale City Council approved a one year extension to its current Arena Management Agreement with the National Hockey League (NHL). The extended agreement allows for the team to remain in place for the NHL 2011-12 season; allows the NHL and staff additional time to complete the required agreement with an ownership group that will be committed to retaining the team in Glendale.

At the same meeting, the City Council approved filing an appeal with the Arizona Supreme Court in order to overturn a lower court decision that failed to acknowledge a portion of land owned by the Tohono O'dham Nation falls within the city's boundaries due to annexation proceedings dating back to 2001.

Visit [www.glendaleaz.com](http://www.glendaleaz.com) for more information on these topics or to watch the council meeting online.

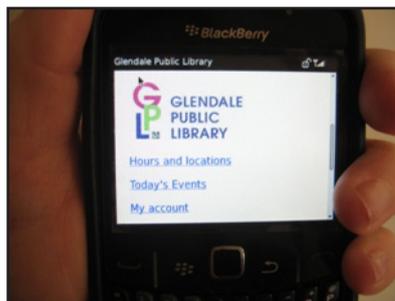
**City of Glendale - Redistricting Info Request Form.** Based on the 2010 U.S. Census, the city of Glendale is required to redraw council district lines. The Voting Rights Act states that all districts in the city must have approximately the same population. If you want to learn more about redistricting and provide your input as the process moves forward, sign up to receive information by clicking on the link below. We'll keep you posted on meeting dates and how you can participate. [Sign up here.](#)

**Glendale 2010 Water Quality Report.** The city met all federal and state drinking water quality and environmental regulations in 2010.

The 2010 Water Quality Report is available online and is being mailed to all residents during May and June. Also known as the Consumer Confidence Report (CCR), this document is required of all public and community water systems under federal law.

[Click here](#) to access the report online. A version of the report is available in Spanish to those who request it, by calling 623-930-2700.

For more information on Glendale's water quality report and water quality programs, please call 623-930-3885 or visit [www.glendaleaz.com/environmentalresources](http://www.glendaleaz.com/environmentalresources).



### Glendale Public Library's New Mobile Version Website.

Accessing the library from a browser-enabled cell phone, PDA, iPad, or other mobile device just got a whole lot easier.

Glendale Public Library announces the debut of the mobile version of their website, making it more convenient than ever to renew items, look up titles or see what programs are on the calendar.

The mobile version of a website fits the screen size of the device, making navigation much easier by eliminating the need for excessive up and down or sideways scrolling.

Services on the library's mobile site include catalog access, hours and locations, today's events, account access, Ask-a-Librarian, e-Books and audiobooks. There is also a link to the library's full website.

To visit the library's new mobile website go to [www.glendalelibrary.org/mobile](http://www.glendalelibrary.org/mobile).

**Summer Art Camp at Sahuaro Ranch** - Students are almost ready to put away their pencils and books for the school year, and Glendale's Summer Art Camp is the perfect place for children to find fun, friends and creative expression.

The City of Glendale Summer Art Camp 2011 will offer an assortment of workshops for youths, ages 6-13. Classes will run from June 27-July 21. Among the many creative activities offered, participants can make art inspired by other cultures, discover screen printing, playwriting, print making, sculpture and plaster casts, and the use of found objects to create recycled art.

The workshops, sponsored by the City of Glendale Arts Commission, will take place in the Fruit Packing Shed at Sahuaro Ranch, 9802 N. 59<sup>th</sup> Ave. For a brochure and application form, go to [www.glendaleaz.com/arts](http://www.glendaleaz.com/arts) and click on "Summer Art Camp 2011." There is a \$20 non-refundable application fee per workshop and student. For more information call 623-930-3547.

# Around Town

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[Click here](#) for the City Council meeting schedule. [Click here](#) for past Council meeting agendas and minutes. [Click here](#) to watch a City Council meeting online.

**May Green Living Classes Focus on Energy Use.** Join us on Saturday, May 14 for the next set of free classes in the Green Living series presented by the City of Glendale's Conservation and Sustainable Living Program. Classes will be held in the second floor boardroom of the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St. The class times and topics are: Simple Savings 101 from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. and Solar: A Brighter Future from 1:30 to 2:00 p.m. These classes will repeat on Saturday, May 21. Glendale residents and non-residents are welcome to attend. All classes are free, but advance registration is required. To sign up for classes, call 623-930-3760. [Click here](#) for more information.

**8th Annual Glendale Historic Preservation Bus Tour.** The city of Glendale encourages people to sign up for the 8th Annual Glendale Historic Preservation Bus Tour, which will be held Saturday, May 14 and includes Glendale's most treasured historic landmarks such as the Beet Sugar Factory, the Myrtle Avenue Cultural Gateway and the Thunderbird Tower located on the campus of the Thunderbird School of Global Management. Check in will begin at 8:30 a.m. at the Glendale Civic Center, 5750 W. Glenn Dr. The tour will depart at 9 a.m. and return to the Civic Center at Noon.

Participation is limited to 35 people, and reservations will be made on a first-come, first-served basis. To RSVP, call (623) 930-2810.

**Glendale Spark Awards.** The Glendale Commission on Neighborhoods encourages residents to nominate a neighbor, volunteer, business, nonprofit or faith-based organization that has made a commitment to the Glendale community by helping and improving Glendale neighborhoods. If you know of someone like this, nominate the person or group for a 2011 Community Spark Award. The deadline to submit nominations is Wednesday, May 25, 2011.

[Click here](#) for nomination forms and more information including the six award categories. For other questions, call 623-930-2868.

**Live at the Library.** Join us for one of the West Valley's most popular monthly musical series – Live at the Library. The series is held on the fourth Thursday of the month and begins at 6:30 p.m., at the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St. On May 26, Poet and hit songwriter Annie Moscow will entertain with her amazing vocal and piano tunes. For more information about the free music programs at the Glendale Main Library, call 623-930-3573.

**Business Forum – Designing, Organizing and Growing Your Company.** Business networking through the monthly Business Forum at Glendale Library is a productive way of establishing beneficial relationships with potential clients and area business people. June's speaker, Steve Meisenheimer will present, "Designing, Organizing and Growing Your Company." Join us from 5:30–7:15 p.m., Wednesday June 1 in the large meeting room at the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown Street. The free event is free. For more information about the program or to RSVP, call 602-725-3246.

**Pajama Party and Sidewalk Sale.** Come out to Historic Downtown Glendale and Catlin Court on Saturday, June 4 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. for a day of fun in the sun and sales galore! Pull out your favorite fluffy slippers, put on your most comfy pajamas and enjoy a day of shopping and dining all in the comfort of your pj's! Start your day at the Glendale Visitor Center located at 5800 W. Glenn Dr., #140 to pick up a walking map. Gift bags will be given to the first 200 visitors. A canned food drive benefiting St. Mary's Food Bank will also be going on. [Click here](#) for more information.

**Reel Talk Film Series.** Films of the 1980s are in the spotlight at Glendale Main Library this summer as film scholar Jeannie Berg returns for a sixth year with the popular, free "Reel Talk Film Series." The series is titled "*Friends, Freaks and Far Out Movies of the 80s: A Film Viewing and Discussion Series.*" On June 4, *Stand By Me* (1986) starring Wil Wheaton, River Phoenix, Corey Feldman will be shown.

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